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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re of the Application of

Stephen Michnick et al.

Serial Number: 09/603,885

Filed: June 26, 2000

For: AN IN VIVO LIBRARY VERSUS LIBRARY SELECTION OF OPTIMIZED PROTEIN-PROTEIN INTERACTIONS

Group Art Unit: 1639

Examiner: Padmashri Ponnaluri

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 16, 2004

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the office action dated April 16, 2004, with the period for response extended three months (October 16th, 2004 being a Saturday - a check in the amount of \$490.00 is enclosed)) reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested. Applicant is also grateful to Examiner Ponnaluri for the courteous interview granted on July 15, 2004; in which applicant agreed to file a declaration (enclosed with this amendment) and amend the claims as discussed.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper. The prior amendment to the specification is being reintroduced as applicant has not gotten a new filing receipt reflecting CIP status.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

The Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

Applicants' once again respectfully request a corrected filing receipt, which should reflect the first paragraph of the application as per the amendment to the specification dated June 2, 2003.